



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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Chairman Owens Announces 2007 Technical Assistance Grant Applications for Design and Pre-Design Projects

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens today announced that WIFA is now receiving applications for WIFA's 2007 technical assistance grant funding cycle. The grants are a part of WIFA's continuing effort to provide technical assistance to Arizona's water and wastewater facilities. The 2007 technical assistance grant funding cycle runs from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 and funds various types of design and pre-design activities related to infrastructure projects.

"WIFA is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2007 technical assistance grant funding cycle," said Owens, who is also director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "WIFA's competitive grant funding helps communities address their water infrastructure needs and improve water quality throughout Arizona."

Funding for the technical assistance grants comes from WIFA's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. By submitting an application to WIFA, eligible political subdivisions and private water companies are included on the annual technical assistance project priority list. The technical assistance project priority list is part of WIFA's annual technical assistance intended use plan.

Grants are competitively awarded and the deadline to submit an application is **5p.m., Friday, April 21, 2006**. Following a public review and comment period, the WIFA Board of Directors will approve a final technical assistance intended use plan and priority list. The technical assistance intended use plan and project priority list become effective **July 1, 2006**.

WIFA will host a workshop as part of its application process to provide information on the technical assistance program as well as provide guidance in filling out the application. The workshop is scheduled for:

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2006

TIME: 1-2 p.m.

LOCATION: 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 250, Phoenix

Advanced reservations are suggested. For more information or to reserve a seat at the workshop, call Esmeralda Martinez at (602) 364-1310 or toll-free at (877) 298-0425. Applications may be completed on-line or downloaded through WIFA's website, <http://www.azwifa.gov>.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.